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Public invited to MassGIS Day – Thursday, November 16, 2006

A demonstration of the latest mapping technology offered by the state's Office of Geographic and Environmental Information (MassGIS) will take place in the Great Hall of the State House this Thursday, November 16, from 10:00AM to 2:00PM.

GIS Day's noontime speaking program features MassGIS Director Christian Jacqz, Representative Stephen Kulik, Northern Middlesex Register of Deeds Dick Howe, and Town of Hull Assessor Dave Beck.

MassGIS develops Internet and computer-based mapping tools and data that transform geographical information such as infrastructure and natural features into visual layers. Using layers on a map leads to a better understanding of a particular location and enables planners and analysts to make better decisions about land use and service distribution in their communities.

GIS Day will feature a wide variety of exhibitors who use data generated by MassGIS. Presenters from such disparate agencies as the Department of Social Services, MassHighway, the Department of Public Health, the State Police, and the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency, will join high school and college students and others to demonstrate how GIS is used.

The Merrimack Valley Planning Commission will display aerial imagery acquired during this spring's flooding. By illustrating the diverse uses of GIS technology, a map gallery will compliment the interactive computer mapping displays.

For more information on GIS Day, please visit <http://www.mass.gov/mgis/gisday2006.htm>.

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